

LIVING COST PROBE WHERE IT STARTED

Senate Committee Assured by All Witnesses They Are Not to Blame.

INITIAL PRODUCERS MAY BE SUMMONED

Farmers, Who Raise Feed for the Stock That Costs Big Prices, May Be Responsible.

By J. FRED ESSARY.

Now that the Senate's cost of living probe has continued for a month, and the whole range of food production and marketing, from the origin in the soil to the ultimate consumer, has been covered, the results are interesting.

First came the retail butchers and grocers. They purchased all of their goods from somebody else. All their prices were governed by the cost of the commodities in which they dealt. None of them, according to their testimony, were making more than a living profit. Some said they were not making that. Therefore no responsibility could rest upon them for the high prices.

Wholesaler Next.

After these came the wholesalers and jobbers of meats, eggs, poultry and butter. They, too, purchased from others. They did not produce anything. They maintained cold storages, but contended that these were in the interest of the consumers and the purchase prices were exceedingly high. Their eggs came from the farmers and their butter from various markets, all controlled by the Elgin prices. That was about all the wholesalers could contribute to the sum total of cost of living knowledge.

The packers, the independent packers—were next called. They declared they were not controlled by any influences by trade demands. No trust prices prevailed with them. They charged high prices for meat because they paid high prices for live stock. Therefore, the blame was on the stock raiser.

To get at the bottom of the situation, the stock raisers have now been called. They absolve themselves from all blame for the high prices. They are not making any more money than they used to and some seasons they were losing.

Nearing the Cause.

They were getting high prices for their stock. It is true, but then they are paying higher prices for stock feed such as corn and hay, and that is what's the matter. They could not possibly, sell for a less figure and make any money at all. Everything that goes into the production of live stock goes into the production of live stock and so on.

Now the food producers are up against the proposition of inviting the farmer who grows that corn to come forward and admit or deny that he is getting all the money. Beginning with the retailer and going down the whole line, each class or provision handlers has shifted the responsibility for the high prices upon the shoulders of the class back of him. The farmer, it is said, is the initial producer. There is no appeal beyond him.

There are the big packers and other big producing classes which are to be summoned yet. The are Butter trust people, the tea and coffee trust, the sugar producers from whom the committee will testify in such manner as will relieve the farmer of some of the blame for present conditions.

SAYLER CASE JUDGE WARNED BY LETTERS

Dynamite Threats Made.

Kern Opens Case for the Defense.

WATSEKA, Ill., April 4.—Letters intended to influence Judge Dibbell in his rulings in the Sayler murder trial, one of which contained threats against his life and a warning that his home would be blown up with dynamite if his rulings were favorable to the defendants, have been received by that jurist.

One threatening letter was mailed at a town in Ohio. Judge Dibbell refused to give the name of the town. Another letter was from Chicago and pretended to reveal the facts of the tragedy which resulted in the death of John Byron Sayler last July.

The threat that dynamite would be used against the judge was contained in a letter which was sent to the court by the defendants, John Grunden and Dr. W. B. Miller, had been made by the court. Judge Dibbell received the letter to the attorneys in the case and gave out part of the contents.

At the conclusion of the State's presentation of evidence, the court refused to terminate the case as asked by the defense in a motion.

The opening statement for defense was made by J. W. Kern, who outlined the self-defense theory, on behalf of the defendants. He declared that the witnesses to the tragedy, the three defendants, all of whom are to be put on the stand, would tell of the terrific struggle that Dr. Miller had with Sayler before the fatal shot was fired.

That Sayler was armed with an ax and attempted to kill Dr. Miller, will be the story told from the witness stand by the defendants, who will also declare that not until he was in danger of being killed by the infuriated Sayler did the physician fire.

The defense will open Monday morning.

**TENNESSEE SOCIETY
WILL BE ORGANIZED**

Meeting for the Purpose to Be Held at Masonic Temple Tuesday.

For the purpose of perfecting an organization of a Tennessee Society a meeting of Tennesseans has been called for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the old Masonic Temple.

Among the men scheduled to make addresses are Senators Taylor and Frazier and three Representatives, one from each section of the State.

FULL MASONIC HONORS FOR AT LEE FUNERAL

Pallbearers Selected From Various Branches of That Order.

NATIONAL RIFLES TO BE REPRESENTED

Interment to Be in National Cem- etry at Arlington.

The observance of full Masonic honors marked the funeral service and burial of Goodwin York At Lee, who died Friday afternoon at his residence, 1322 S street northwest, following an illness of two years. Services were planned for this afternoon at the home, the Rev. William M. Pettis, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating, and burial was to be in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

Pallbearers for Mr. At Lee have been selected from the District Masonry. They are: Walter A. Brown and R. W. Lee, representing the Grand Lodge; John D. Bartlett and C. B. Friebus, representing the Eureka Chapter; Charles B. Bayly and Harry P. Mason, of the Federal Lodge; and George H. Townsend and S. Edward Tomlinson, of the Washington Council.

Members of the old National Rifles, with which Mr. At Lee was connected during the early part of the civil war, have been chosen as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. At Lee was for many years secretary and general manager of the Potomac Terra Cotta Company. He was born in Detroit in 1842, but came to Washington with his father upon the latter's appointment as Treasurer of the Treasury Department, and was educated in the local schools.

He was appointed to the quarter master's department shortly before the out-



GOODWIN YORK AT LEE.

of the civil war and except for a short service in the National Rifles at the General Jackson was threatening the defenseless Capital, he remained in its employ until the close of the war. He was a thirty-second degree member of the Scottish Rites Masonry.

Mr. At Lee is survived by his wife and six children. The children are Miss A. Nay At Lee, Miss Louise At Lee, and Mrs. Alfred T. Gage, of Washington; Lieut. William E. At Lee, of the Revenue Service; Richard A. At Lee, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Frank V. At Lee, of Richmond, Va.

SENIORS COMPLETE PLANS FOR PROM

Annual Event of George- town Graduating Classes Assured of Success.

The senior classes of Georgetown University have completed extensive plans for the holding of the annual prom at the Raleigh Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, April 12. The affair will be held under the auspices of the lately organized class society, which is working in the interest of the social activity of the school. The Marine Band Orchestra will furnish the music.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Hugh William Bair, chairman; N. Sherwood Ferris, William L. Byrne, Earl J. Mohn, Waldo R. Nulty, Benjamin Maloney, and Frank Carlin.

The patronesses are Mrs. Senator Thomas H. Carter, Mrs. Timothy A. Berry, Mrs. Daniel W. Baker, Mrs. M. J. Colbert, Mrs. Horace H. Lorton, Mrs. George W. Ray, Mrs. William C. Bair, Mrs. George E. Hamilton, Mrs. John James Walsh, Mrs. Guidet Duryee, Mrs. James A. Gannon, Mrs. Daniel W. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Harry M. Clabaugh, Mrs. Ashley M. Gould, and Mrs. Daniel Thew Wright.

CHARGES ARE FACED BY BROWNLOW'S MEN

Tennessee Postmasters Accused of Pernicious Activity in Politics.

BRISTOL, Tenn., April 4.—It was learned here today that almost every one of the postmasters who have been appointed in Tennessee upon the recommendation of Representative Brownlow of the First Congressional district has been charged with pernicious activity in politics.

The charges were made immediately after the refusal of the President to appoint E. A. Warren as postmaster at Bristol on Representative Brownlow's recommendation, and to appoint the Brownlow candidate for postmaster at Johnson City. The Bell faction is held responsible for the opposition to Warren and the Johnson City candidate, as well as for the charges against the postmasters.

In most cases the Brownlow postmasters are charged with getting out independent Republican candidates to defeat the regular nominees and elect Democrats.

The taking of evidence to oust the Brownlow postmasters has been begun.

**FLEET ON ITS WAY
TO DRILL GROUNDS**

NORFOLK, Va., April 4.—The Atlantic fleet set sail today for the southern drill grounds, off Virginia Beach. The length of the stay of the fleet at sea is uncertain, and depends largely upon the program of tactical evolutions.

The fleet is also awaiting the completion of two targets for gunnery practice, now being made at the Norfolk yard. The coming practice will be for big guns.

OHIO COLLEGE BURNS.

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 4.—Students and teachers at the College of Friends, near Barnesville, fought fire until the flames drove them from the main building, consuming the structure and entailing a loss of \$50,000.

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GATES OF NATION CLOSED TO SLAYER

Greek, Halted by Immigra- tion Officers, Tells of Crime in Native Land.

Leonidas Mitrakas, classed as an undesirable citizen by those guardians of the nation's border who work in the Immigration Bureau, awaits in the Sixth Precinct Station house of this city the unwinding of official red tape that he might be sent back to the Athenian hills where he was born.

Bearer of a famous name and springing from the race that produced the original Marathon hero, Mitrakas sprang through Europe and part of America with the idea that the officers of the law were after him for a little affair that resulted in the death of a fellow-countryman. He doesn't consider the act with which he believes himself to be charged at home a crime, but it was sufficient to send him hot-footing it constantly from August, 1906, until the present time and he thought he was being arrested for it Friday when Immigration Inspector Felder, of Baltimore, and Detective Patrick O'Brien, with Policeman Newkirk, took him into custody.

But such was not the case. Mitrakas is accused of killing one Janaki Dounis, whose attentions to Mitrakas' sister were not approved by the brother. The pair met one bright sunny afternoon and Mitrakas, finding them together after having warned the undesired suitor to be off, shot him and left, hurriedly. Mitrakas has been rather hurried in his movements ever since and does not know whether or not Dounis succumbed.

Neither do the immigration officials. But the latter were aware that Mitrakas had shot someone at some time and hence didn't look upon his coming to this country in an altogether favorable light.

They will, therefore, send him away from America's shores. What happens to him when he reaches his own country in his movements ever since and does not know whether or not Dounis succumbed.

PROCEEDS OF PLAY TIED UP BY SUIT

Woman in Audience Sues Charity Production for Injury to Eye.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 4.—Box office receipts of "Pyros of Napoleon," an amateur extravaganza presented at the auditorium, have been attached by the attorney for Mrs. C. H. Peake, who it is said today, may lose her right eye as a result of being struck by a tennis ball batted from the stage during a performance of the extravaganza.

Suit for \$10,000 damages was begun against the promoters of the show, alleging not only the share of the show promoters, but also the percentage intended for the support of the Sheltering Arms Orphanage in behalf of which the society people of the city gave their services to the production.

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Western Ranches Are Fewer, But Cattle More Numerous

Settlement of Grazing Lands By Small Farmers Said Not to Have Affected Quantity of Stock Raised Beyond the Missouri.

PIERRE, S. D., April 4.—Much has been said about the effect of the agricultural settlement of the lands west of the river upon the live stock industry, and the general verdict has been that outside the big reservation pastures the homesteader has practically destroyed the range stock business.

The marketing of live stock in the State has from year to year shown marked growth, but the presumption has been that the increase from the farms has been sufficient to overcome the loss upon the ranges.

The only method of ascertaining the real effect of the homestead movement on live stock is through the assessment rolls. In 1906 the homestead movement began, and the assessment rolls of that year showed in the range counties—Butte—including the present Harding and Perkins—Lyman, Pennington, and Stanley, 62,416 horses, 24,186 cattle, and 25,281 sheep. Three years of homesteading has followed, covering all of these counties with settlers until there is only a modicum of vacant land remaining, and the assessment of 1909 shows for the same territory 72,590 horses, 21,115 cattle, and 270,353 sheep, or a marked increase of each sort of live stock.

A further analysis of the cattle returns shows an increase of young stock and of milch cows and a decrease of other cattle. The figures show conclusively that the homesteader has not destroyed the live stock industry, but has increased it. As a matter of fact, he has destroyed the picturesque old time ranching business and broken up the big bands into little home herds, for which he supplies stover and shelter in case of a hard winter, and he has placed the business upon a surer basis than it ever before was.

While the homesteader has given an impulse to general farming in the trans-Missouri region, and a good deal of general cropping is done, and will increase with each year, still the section remains what it always has been, from the remotest ages, a great natural pasture, buried in sweet grasses, which afford summer and winter feed, snowless in the average year, and the wise homesteader takes advantage of the cattle, horses or sheep and develops it as rapidly as possible. Stock growing and dairying are now and always will be the lines of least resistance upon which the western Dakota farmer will win success.

VESTRY MEMBERS ARE PALLBEARERS

Several Organizations Represented At Funeral of James R. Cook.

Funeral services for James R. Cook, the aged employee of the Weather Bureau, were held this afternoon at the family residence, 236 M street northwest. The Rev. Dr. Talbot, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiated, and burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The pallbearers were members of the St. Michael and All Soul's vestry. Delegations were present from the University Club of this city and the Michigan State Association.

Mr. Cook died Saturday morning at his residence. He was a native of Michigan, and for many years practiced law in that State. He also took active part in both State and national politics and was secretary of the Republican Congressional committee during Garfield's campaign.

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HORSES NOT HALTED BY DRIVER'S DEATH

Stricken In Wagon, Henry Snyder Continues Ride in Buf- falo Street.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 4.—Although old in death, Henry Snyder, sixty-five years old, rode in his seat behind a team of horses several blocks through De Witt street this morning. At the time there were many people in the street on their way to church. Many had passed Snyder.

When the horses turned the corner of De Witt and Bradley streets the body was jolted from the seat. It lay on the pavement, and a crowd of people rushed to lend aid. They found Snyder dead. The horses had stopped when their driver fell.

On February 1 his wife died. He brooded over his loss. His heart disease, Medical Examiner Danzer said, was the cause of death.

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